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Burundi

Armed Gangs Reportedly Infiltrate Rural Bujumbura

EA2610124595 Bujumbura Radio-Television Nationale du Burundi Radio in French 0430 GMT 26 Oct 95

[FBIS Translated Excerpt] The minister of interior and public security, Mr. Sylvestre Banzubaze, and the secretary of state for public security, Mr. Fabien Segatwa, yesterday at Kabezi held a meeting with rural Bujumbura communal administrators. The provincial governor, Bujumbura town mayor and the commander of the first military region took part in the meeting. Security dominated the meeting of course. Deo Ndayisenga reports from rural Bujumbura.

[Begin Ndayisenga recording] [passage omitted] The communal administrators said that they had noted in the last few days a wave of mass infiltration by armed gangs from Kibera, especially into Muhuta, Mutambu and Kanyosha communes. [passage omitted]

The administrators also said that they had welcomed a large number of displaced people coming especially from the township of Bujumbura and Bubanza province. [passage omitted]

Teachers Strike; Guerrilla War Continues in North

BR2510163495 Groot-Bijgaarden DE STANDAARD in Dutch 25 Oct 95 p 5

[Report signed "RDG": "Strike at Beginning of School Year in Burundi"]

[FBIS Translated Text] Brussels — Few teachers showed up for the beginning of the new school year for secondary education in Burundi this week. Most of them responded to the clandestine call for strike. They want higher wages and better working conditions, DE STANDAARD learned in the capital of Bujumbura.

"Tension continues to rise," a development cooperation worker said. "Both Hutus and Tutsis are living in constant fear. Nobody trusts anyone anymore."

In Bujumbura the situation seems quiet. The capital has been largely cleared from Hutus. On Saturday [21 October], a commemoration took place at the occasion of the second anniversary of the assassination of the first democratically elected President Melchior Ndadaye.

The last few days the situation was particularly tense in the northern provinces. The guerrilla war which has been carried on by extremist Hutu supporters of former Minister Leonard Nyangoma for several months now, continues unabated. They try to ambush and overpower military patrols. However, the Army generally reacts by taking revenge on the innocent local population.

Sao Tome & Principe

President Addresses Nation, Claims Death Threats

AB2510162595 Paris AFP in French 0923 GMT 25 Oct 95

[FBIS Translated Text] Sao Tome, 25 Oct (AFP) — Sao Tomean President Miguel Trovoada has alleged that he has been the target of "death threats," and accuses "some political parties" of "spreading false reports." In an "address to the nation" carried by national radio last night, the president of the archipelago, where soldiers carried out an abortive coup d'etat last August, said among others: "Supporters of some political parties have worked out a strategy to dissuade me from running in the presidential elections next March."

According to the president, these parties are "spreading false reports about troop movements up country." Miguel Trovoada also alleged "the existence of hired shooters poised to assassinate the president during one of his trips" within the country. He did not mention any party in particular.

Miguel Trovoada reiterated "the urgent need to set up a government of national unity." After a two-day meeting, the main political parties called on 20 October for the "convening of a national conference within one month." Still in his address to the nation, President Trovoada described the situation in the country as "unstable," and noted that from the economic standpoint, all indicators are in the red. He cited the lack of foreign exchange, the high rate of inflation, and the depreciation of the local currency, the dobra, to make his point. The president further pointed out that his country "survives on international aid," and stressed the need to create "economic conditions" that will entice foreign investors.

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Somalia

Ali Mahdi Mohamed Says Libya Violating Law

AB2510170595 Paris AFP in English 1526 GMT 25 Oct 95

[FBIS Transcribed Text] Mogadishu, 25 Oct (AFP) — Somali faction leader Ali Mahdi Mohamed accused Libyan leader Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi on Wednesday [25 October] of violating international law by rearming rival General Mohamed Farah Aidid, who was declared president of Somalia by a conference of his supporters on June 15.

Addressing newsmen here, Ali Mahdi, who is chairman of the Somali Salvation Alliance (SSA) and also claims to be interim Somali president, urged the international community to intervene and stop "the gross violation of Somalia's internal affairs by Libya."

Ali Mahdi charged that weapons have been smuggled into Somalia by Libyans who are violating UN Resolution 733 of January 1992, which imposed an arms embargo on Somalia.

Pointing out that Libyan military involvement in Somalia was aimed at destabilising the Horn of Africa nation, Ali Mahdi accused the north African nation of encouraging the latest rounds of activities carried out by militia of Aidid's United Somalia Congress/Somali National Alliance (USC/SNA) faction in the southwestern town of Baidoa and elsewhere in the country.

The faction leader warned that his SSA militiamen would from now on not hesitate to shoot at sight any Libyan military personnel seen near the green line, which divides the war-torn Somali capital Mogadishu between north, controlled by Ali Mahdi, and south controlled by Aidid and other USC/SNA factions.

Ali Mahdi also urged Libya not to recognise Aidid's "illegal government" or try to open a consular office in Mogadishu, warning: "If something dangerous happens to the Libyans, al-Qadhdhafi will take full responsibility."

Ali Mahdi's view is shared by Osman Hassan Ali "Ato", Aidid's former financier-turned bitter enemy, who now leads an opposing faction in the USC/SNA, based in south Mogadishu. Both men have refused to recognise Aidid's administration.

On September 25, Aidid's aides claimed that Libya had become the first country to recognise his self declared Somali "Government" and that Tripoli had appointed an ambassador to Mogadishu, but Libyan authorities have so far neither confirmed nor commented on the claims. A statement issued then by Aidid's Foreign Ministry said Libya had appointed Mustafa Salim Amush as Tripoli's ambassador and Ahmed al-Marqani as first secretary in its new embassy in Mogadishu.

Tanzania

CCM Wins 26 Seats in Parliament, CUF 23

EA2610145095 Dar es Salaam Radio Tanzania Network in Swahili 0700 GMT 26 Oct 95

[FBIS Translated Excerpt] The ruling Chama Cha Mapinduzi has won 26 seats so far out of a total of 50 seats in the Zanzibar elections which took place last Sunday [22 October]. [passage omitted] The Civic United Front has so far won in 23 constituencies. [passage omitted] Full results are expected this afternoon.

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Mandela Rejects Extending Amnesty Cut-Off Date

MB2610111795 Johannesburg SAPA in English 1040 GMT 26 Oct 95

[FBIS Transcribed Text] PRETORIA Oct 26 SAPA — President Nelson Mandela on Thursday said it was not possible to extend the amnesty cut-off date from December 5, 1993 to May 10, 1994 as requested by Freedom Front leader Constand Viljoen. He said there were too many complications likely to arise if he acceded.

Mandela was speaking to reporters at his official Pretoria residence after meeting Viljoen on the matter.

Viljoen said he was very disappointed at the decision.

Mandela Not To Vote in Local Election

MB2510161095 Johannesburg SAPA in English 1449 GMT 25 Oct 95

[FBIS Transcribed Text] JOHANNESBURG Oct 25 SAPA — The image flashed around the world last year of President Nelson Mandela casting his vote in South Africa's first democratic election will not be repeated in the local government elections next week. Mandela will not be voting on November 1 because elections in the Western Cape, where the president is registered to vote, have been postponed, African National Congress secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa said on Wednesday.

"Because of the gerrymandering by the National Party...elections in that area have been postponed. Although Mr Mandela is entitled to vote anywhere, the ANC has taken the view that the president should not vote in solidarity with the people whose right to vote has been undermined..."

Ramaphosa said Mandela would be moving around the country on election day, but details of his movements would not be released because of security considerations.

Some of Mandela's last engagements before election day will be to address ANC campaign rallies in Graaff-Reinet in the Eastern Cape and Soweto.

ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus said he had been surprised to hear the National Party criticise the decision to hold a meeting in Graaff-Reinet. "They say we are targeting the coloured vote. The ANC does not apologise for targeting any group or community in this country." He said the ANC had decided on Graaff-Reinet because it provided a central point for the rural communities in the Northern Cape and the Eastern Cape.

ANC Outlines Position on Election Issues

MB2610063595 Johannesburg SAPA in English 1801 GMT 25 Oct 95

[News release by the South African ANC on 25 Oct on the SAPA PR Wire Service]

[FBIS Transcribed Text]

INTRODUCTION

The ANC has worked hard during the local election campaign to ensure that local government issues and local government candidates remain the central focus. This is because the ANC recognises that the local government elections are extremely important for bringing democracy to local communities.

Our key slogan, A better life: Let's make it happen where we live, illustrates clearly the local nature of our message. They key theme of our campaign is empowerment of local communities, to make change happen.

Our strategy throughout has been to run the campaigns locally, around local issues and candidates. Local elections teams have been, and will continue to, canvass door to door through blitzes, run mock elections at public meetings as part of the voter education drive and organise house and public meetings. Local candidates are prominent in all of these activities.

A central part of our campaign, used to ensure that it maintains its local character, are local people's forums. The principle of these forums is that the ANC involves you. This idea is based on the ANC's understanding of the role and responsibilities of local government and, within that, the role and responsibilities of communities.

The ANC does not view this election as one election. Nearly 700 elections will be taking place on 1 November. We appreciate that the task of covering all the activities of so many election areas is an enormous undertaking for the media. For this reason it appears that coverage of the campaign has assumed, to a large extent, a national focus. This does not, however, mean that this has been the bulk of our campaigning. Local candidates, organising local events, have worked very hard to involve people in discussing local issues pertaining to their areas.

For the ANC local government means that every local community will get an additional voice in government. Each community will have the power to work with the ANC-led national government to make the RDP work for them.

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Through democratic local councils, communities can make their areas better places in which to live. Democratic local government means communities, together with a democratically elected councilor will decide on: delivery of water to their houses, where new electricity supplies and sanitation will be put in; where streets will be laid; where schools, clinics and houses will be built; and how rubbish will be removed from streets and public areas. They will make sure that there is a system of fair rents and services for everyone. The ANC has very clear perspectives on what local government means and how the election should be run.

ANC PERSPECTIVES ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

A Better Life: Let's Make it happen where we live

1. The Importance of local elections

Local elections present the final stage in the structural democratisation of South African society. Last year, South African people voted for freedom. The national and provincial governments have begun the journey on the road to change. It is at the local level where these changes will be implemented.

Local councils are the tier of government at which communities can access government in a meaningful way. It is here that communities have a direct say in the development of their areas. It is at this level of government where budget expenditure is debated and the ways in which funds are distributed are discussed with the communities whose lives will be affected.

Local councils provide the mechanism and vehicle to plan and implement the programmes that have already been initiated at national and provincial levels. Local councils provide the political platform for communities to become involved in the decision making processes — decision making that imparts upon individuals, families and communities.

2. The ANC's vision for local government - our tradition of democracy

Democratic local government is the hands and feet of the Reconstruction and Development Programme [RDP]. (Minister Jay Naidoo)

For the ANC, local government means local empowerment. It is through local government that changes can be made by communities for those communities.

The ANC believes that for local government to be truly democratic and effective in meeting the need of communities, then communities themselves must get involved in local government affairs. Guidance and direction must come from the very communities served by local government.

Democratic local governments are the keys to making land available for housing, in building basic infrastructure and in delivering services. Local governments are the "hands and feet" of the RDP.

Democratic local government responds to the needs of the communities which they represent. They do this by co-operating directly with communities, listening to their ideas and understanding their expectations.

The ANC believes that it is the responsibility of local councils to ensure that communities understand their rights and responsibilities with regard to participating in local government. These rights and responsibilities include: participating in elections, paying for services, participation in the formulation of new policies, planning and implementing projects, monitoring and control of local government activities.

3. The ANC can make a difference

Democratically elected local councils form the last link in the chain to ensure a better life for all. The ANC has made an impressive start at building this better life. At the local level, the ANC is the party that can really make a difference. Below are some areas affecting local government where the ANC can bring about the changes needed:

Health

At the National level the ANC has already made sure free healthcare for all pregnant women and children under the age of 6 is made available. However, free healthcare does not necessarily mean accessible healthcare. ANC local councilors will work hard to ensure that there is an adequate supply of health care facilities in their community.

Education

Led by the ANC, the Government of National Unity is phasing in free education. Scores of children have already returned to their classrooms. But education facilities in many areas need to be upgraded. RDP funds are available for upgrading and renovations. ANC candidates share the ultimate vision of the RDP and are well placed to carry out these tasks.

Water, Electricity and Basic Services

An estimated 2 million South African homes do not have access to a safe water supply. Millions are without electricity and basic services. Local councils will decide how to bring these services to their communities. The ANC will do this through consultative processes

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with community members and members of provincial and national government. 12 communities are involved in the first phase of RDP delivery of rural water. The second phase will consist of more than 200 projects. Most of these schemes are still in the community consultation phase which is the point at which democratic and legitimate local governments can play an important role. The Extension and Upgrading of Municipal Services is a project of the Department of Constitutional Development with the main aim of providing and improving municipal services and infrastructure. Delivery can only occur at the local level where local government has to drive processes.

Crime

Crime and lawlessness present enormous problems for our communities. The ANC, together with the vast majority of South Africans, refuses to tolerate this situation any longer. That is why ANC branches throughout the country are participating in Community Policing Forums and other development structures. The South African Police Services require the organised involvement of the communities which they serve, in order to combat crime. President Mandela and the ANC have declared war on crime. This call has been heard by community members and national and provincial government who are responding positively. The Gauteng government has just announced the release of RDP funds for safety and security. 40 satellite police stations are to be set up in crime ridden areas around the province. The ANC regards this as an important step in promoting police visibility for curbing crime. A Metropolitan Police structure is another area where local councils can become involved in community policing.

Job creation and economic development

The National Public Works Programme brings together three major aspects of reconstruction and development: the urgent need for jobs, skills and job-related training, and tackling the backlog in the provision of infrastructure. Local government plays an extremely important part in prioritizing community needs and applying for funding from public works. Each locality differs in terms of its priorities and ANC candidates have exciting and creative ideas for job creation based on their local needs. These ideas are based primarily on the three principles embodied in the RDP.

Housing

The urgent need for housing is placed firmly on the ANC's agenda for local government. Millions of South Africans are homeless. The ANC believes that homelessness is not a problem for the homeless alone. Homelessness is a community problem. While we in the ANC cannot tolerate land invasions, we have to be sensitive to the plight of people who have, at present, no access to housing. Local government has an important role to play in the delivery of houses to our citizens. The Urban Renewal strategy, initiated by the TMC and provincial government, is a creative and sophisticated strategy for developing and upgrading the inner city of Johannesburg. Part of the proposal includes ways of making housing units available for collective ownership. The ANC throughout the country has specific local strategies for housing development based on the principles of the ANC nationally.

ANC-led local councils, consisting of people who have struggled side-by-side with their communities, are well placed to take these processes forward.

Each ANC ward candidate has launched their own manifesto based on the principles of the national manifesto. These manifestos highlight the specific plans that the ANC has for each locality.

SANDF Soldiers Arrested for Shooting of IFP Members

MB2610100895 Johannesburg SAPA in English 0908 GMT 26 Oct 95

[FBIS Transcribed Text] JOHANNESBURG Oct 26 SAPA — Police have confirmed that six SANDF [South African National Defense Force] soldiers have appeared in court on charges relating to the shooting of six Inkatha Freedom Party [IFP] local government election candidates in Mpumalanga province this week.

Luke Madonsela died and five other IFP candidates were wounded in the shooting on Monday night. The injured have been admitted to hospitals in Gauteng and Mpumalanga.

Mpumalanga police spokesman Lieutenant Izak van Zyl said the six soldiers were arrested on Wednesday and appeared in the Hartebeeskop Magistrate's Court on charges of murder and attempted murder. They were released on bail after being warned to appear again on December 1.

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[FBIS Editorial Report]

SOWETAN

KwaZulu/Natal Violence — The arrest of three ANC self-defense unit commanders and three Inkatha Freedom Party self-protection unit members offers "a glimmer of hope for some kind of resolution to the problems of violence in KwaZulu/Natal," says a page-16 editorial

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in Johannesburg SOWETAN in English on 26 October. "It is comforting that the police are working both at solving crimes that have been going on with alarming indifference and stopping crime. The best deterrent is for the population to see that crimes are being investigated and suspects pulled in for questioning." Once communities see the police acting in an even-handed manner, the editorial says, they are likely to increase their cooperation with the authorities.

THE STAR

New Approach to Crime — "A sea-change is taking place in the national view of crime," says a page-22 editorial in Johannesburg THE STAR in English on 26 October. "It is a change from a blind-eye tendency to a spirit of ferocious law-upholding." According to the editorial, this change "will do more than all else to dry the pool of crime. Add to the mix the fact that the police force is regaining acceptance after the turmoil of transition. Add again the likely (long overdue) triumph of the demand to mobilise the army as a crime-busting resource and there is light at the end of the tunnel."

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Angola

UN's Beye on Meeting With Savimbi in Bailundo

MB2610063795 Luanda Radio Nacional Network in Portuguese 1900 GMT 25 Oct 95

[Report by Edgar Rangel]

[FBIS Translated Text] UN Special Representative Alioune Blondin Beye, who is also head of the Joint Commission, returned to Luanda 45 minutes ago after meeting Jonas Savimbi, National Union for the Total Independence of Angola [UNITA] leader, and his senior political and military officials.

The UN special representative was in Bailundo for seven hours to discuss issues related to the peace process with Jonas Savimbi and other senior UNITA officials.

[Begin Beye recording, in French, with passage-by-passage translation to Portuguese] I went to Bailundo to consult with [words indistinct] to discuss a number of issues [words indistinct]. We discussed political and military issues, including the cease- fire, mine removal, troop confinement, and forming the Angolan Armed Forces. Other issues, including that of mercenaries [passage indistinct]. [end recording]

Beye Said Trying To Get Ben-Ben Back to Talks

MB2610064595 London BBC World Service in Portuguese 2030 GMT 25 Oct 95

[From the "Ultima Hora" program]

[FBIS Translated Excerpt] UN Special Representative Alioune Blondin Beye today paid another visit to Bailundo, the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola [UNITA] headquarters in Angola's central region. Independent sources in the Angolan capital have described Beye's mission as rather delicate, coming at a time of new differences between the Angolan Government and UNITA after the alleged attempt on the life of General Arlindo Chenda Pena Ben- Ben, chief of UNITA's General Staff. Reginaldo Silva reports from Luanda:

Whether one likes it or not, the Angolan peace process is again dominated by the specters of crisis and stalemate. Progress will depend to a great extent on the results achieved by the UN special representative in his talks with the UNITA leadership in Bailundo today. Despite the Angolan Police report, the UNITA leadership continues to believe there was an attempt on Gen. Ben-Ben's life in Luanda on 14 October. [passage omitted]

Beye also discussed issues pertaining to troop confinement. UNITA says that it has already officially begun confining its troops and that the first 500 men have already been confined to one of the assembly points in Huambo Province. A number of UNITA sources have lately accused the government and its media of being concerned only with the UNITA troop confinement and not at all with the government's responsibilities in implementing the Lusaka Protocol. Those duties include returning government forces to their barracks, confining Rapid Intervention Police agents, disarming civilians, and repatriating mercenaries. [passage omitted]

It would appear that the principal aim of Beye's visit to Bailundo today was to try to get Gen. Ben-Ben to return to Luanda so UNITA can resume military talks with the government concerning the formation of the Angolan Armed Forces. Apparently, those talks were going well and the most difficult obstacles had been overcome.

UNITA Troops Assault Portuguese UN Soldiers

LD2510213095 Lisbon RDP Antena 1 Radio Network in Portuguese 1700 GMT 25 Oct 95

[FBIS Translated Excerpt] In Angola yesterday two Portuguese soldiers were attacked by UNITA [National Union for the Total Independence of Angola] troops after refusing to allow them to search a truck carrying supplies. Armando Pires reports from Luanda:

[Pires] [passage omitted] The incident occurred at about 1300 [1200 GMT] yesterday and involved a column of the Portuguese logistics detachment carrying supplies and equipment to the UNITA assembly areas in Uige province and commanded by Lieutenant Belchior.

According to a UNAVEM [United Nations Angola Verification Mission] military source, UNITA troops intercepted the column — whose vehicles carried clear UN markings — between the localities of Ucua and Piri some 100 km from Luanda. Lieutenant Belchior would not allow the UNITA men to search the vehicles, and as a result he and another Portuguese soldier were verbally and physically attacked by the UNITA men.

Lieutenant Belchior sustained bruises to his nose.

There has been no official reaction to the incident but I understand that a protest will be lodged at the next meeting of the joint commission [monitoring the implementation of the peace accords] which is likely to take place this Friday [27 October].

Incidents with UNAVEM columns crossing UNITA territory have been quite frequent of late, but this was the first involving an act of violence.

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South Africans Arrive To Join Search for UN Plane

MB2510165695 Johannesburg Channel Africa Radio in English 1500 GMT 25 Oct 95

[FBIS Transcribed Text] Members of the South African Air Force have arrived in Luanda to search for a missing Beechcraft, with five South Africans on board. The South Africans are getting a briefing and maps from the people who initially took part in the search.

The Beechcraft was chartered by the UN World Food Program from Balmoral Air, a South African company with headquarters in Luanda. It took off from Luanda on Saturday evening and was scheduled to arrive at Lanseria Airport near Johannesburg during the early hours of Sunday morning.

The search will be conducted 150 nautical miles southeast of Luanda, near Huambo, and towards the Botswana border.

Commentary Charges TV With 'Insidious Campaign'

MB2510165495 Jamba Voz da Resistencia do Galo Negro in Portuguese 1200 GMT 25 Oct 95

[Station commentary: "Facts Must Not Be Distorted"]

[FBIS Translated Excerpt] When we sit in front of our television sets, we all have the opportunity to learn more about the nature of the People's Television of Angola, TPA, that incredible propaganda and disinformation machine that served the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola [MPLA] government.

Hardly a day goes by that the TPA does not say something concerning the need to confine and disarm the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola's [UNITA] troops. Sadly, the TPA does not say anything about the need for the simultaneous confinement of ninja [Rapid Intervention Police] forces, or the return of Angolan Armed Forces [FAA] troops to their barracks.

This planned, methodical, and insidious campaign makes us doubt the sincerity of many MPLA and government officials concerning peace and true national reconciliation. [passage omitted]

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Cote d'Ivoire

Bedie Replaces Armed Forces Chief of Staff Guei

Daily Notes Public Concern

AB2410132295 Abidjan LE REPUBLICAIN IVOIRIEN in French 24 Oct p 5

[Article by Meite Sindou — first paragraph is LE REPUBLICAIN IVOIRIEN introduction]

[FBIS Translated Excerpt] Why? Why now? This is the question on people's lips at Man, following the promotion or dismissal of Robert Guei as the Armed Forces chief of staff by the Democratic Party of Cote d'Ivoire president and presidential candidate Henri Konan Bedie. The decision has caused consternation and indignation among those who hail from the country's western region. [passage omitted]

At the outset, the sons of the region, like Theodore Gbagba, are confounded and surprised. "This decision whips up a lot of emotion in the region. We are in tears. I am perplexed at the trend of events," said Mr. Gbagba. These feelings are shared by the more critical Sabine Tia, who seeks to understand: "promotion or dismissal? We don't know how to take it. At any rate, we feel bad about it."

The youth are more categorical. Etienne Diomande, aged 22: "His fall has affected me. I am unhappy with Bedie's action. It is cowardly. He appoints him a minister today so as to sideline him tomorrow." It is peremptory, he continues: "It is a dismissal, no more, no less." Edouard Roger of the same age adds: "It is a bad decision." [passage omitted]

Guei: Proud of Ministerial Appointment

AB2410194095 Abidjan Radio Cote d'Ivoire Chaine Nationale-Une Network in French 1245 GMT 24 Oct 95

[FBIS Translated Text] Former chief of general staff, General Robert Guei, who is now minister of civic services, has said that he is proud of his new appointment. He said he is an advocate of the rule of mobility. He considers that remaining indefinitely at one post leads to the acquisition of hardened habits which, according to him, naturally constitute a source of mediocrity. Gen. Guei expressed gratitude to President Bedie for the honor done the Army by his appointment as minister. Here is Robert Guei making a statement:

[Begin Guei recording] So, in regard to this law of mobility, which I fervently adhere to, this departure is a logical act, I would even say, commonplace in the life of a soldier. What is worthy of consideration is all that is in the supreme interest of Cote d'Ivoire, and contributes to the welfare of the Ivorian.

This is why I would like to express my full gratitude to the president of the Republic and supreme commander of the Armed Forces for the honor he has once again done me, a humble citizen, by appointing me to a ministerial post to help me to execute, henceforth, one of the essential aspects of his development program. This honor done me reflects on the entire Armed Forces.

I would like to be able to rely on all of you for the perfect accomplishment of this new mission. I bow very respectfully before the flags of the various armies represented here this morning by their various components. I salute the loyalty, determination, the sense of sacrifice, and patriotism of each one of you. [end recording]

Guei Hands Over Power

AB2410172095 Abidjan La Chaine Une Television Network in French 1300 GMT 24 Oct 95

[FBIS Translated Text] General Robert Guei, former chief of general staff, handed over to his successor, Navy Captain Lassana Timite, at a ceremony held at the Gallieni Barracks in Adjame district of Abidjan this morning. Correspondent Joachim Yao Ouattara has the details:

[Begin recording] [video shows Defense Minister Leon Konan Koffi reviewing troops, and outgoing chief of general staff addressing troops] [Guei] I shall be leaving you surely, but I will be with you in spirit. The philosopher Georges Duhamel said, and I quote: the best way of not leaving is to leave, unquote. I thank you.

[Koffi] Noncommissioned officers, soldiers, seamen, airmen: By order of the president of the Republic, you will henceforth recognize Navy Capt. Timite here before you as your commander. You will recognize him as your commander in regard to all that he will ask you to do for the good functioning of the service, the observation of military regulations and the laws, and for the success of the Armed Forces of Cote d'Ivoire. [video shows Gen. Guei handing over the national flag to Defense Minister Koffi who then hands it over to Navy Captain Timite]. Commander Timite, I hand the national flag over to you, and make you its custodian for the time you will be in command of the Armed Forces.

[Timite] Rank and file, at my command, attention, present arms. [video shows new chief of general staff shaking hands with Defense Minister Koffi, and addressing troops] At my command, order arms. [end recording]

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Guei Meets Bedie, Urges Calm

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[FBIS Translated Text] After receiving Mrs. Houphouet-Boigny at the presidential palace this morning, President Henri Konan Bedie granted audience to General Robert Guei, the former chief of general of the Armed Forces of Cote d'Ivoire. At the audience, Gen. Guei called on Ivorians to remain calm, and not to panic.

Bedie Meets New Chief of Staff

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[FBIS Translated Text] Navy Captain Lassana Timite, the new chief of general staff of the Cote d'Ivoire National Armed Forces [FANCI], was received in audience by President Henri Konan Bedie in his private residence at Cocody. Navy Capt. Timite was accompanied by FANCI generals and senior officers as well as Defense Minister Leon Konan Koffi. After the audience, the new FANCI chief of general staff made it a point to stress the Armed Forces's mission:

[Begin Timite recording] I called on the head of state along with officers from the three services to take stock of the mission assigned us by the president and commander in chief of the Armed Forces a few days ago. But before taking stock of the mission, I first of all thanked the head of state for trusting and appointing a young man like me Army chief in a particularly difficult situation. I also thanked him on behalf of the entire Armed Forces for enabling us to play our role of protecting the people and their property. Of course, this role is part of the mission assigned us. I think that for us, it was quite normal to show to the people that we were appointed to play that role.

Concerning our report on the mission, you know that Cote d'Ivoire is a law-abiding state and we, as such the soldiers that we are, should be able to help the government preserve national cohesion within the people and peace among all its components. One of our country's characteristics is peace. The late President Felix Houphouet-Boigny used to say in all his speeches that our country is a peaceful one and that it must live forever. [end recording]

President Bedie Receives U.S. Ambassador

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[FBIS Translated Excerpt] President Henri Konan Bedie today received the U.S. ambassador. Here is the report by Roger Boa Zedi:

[Begin Zedi recording] [video shows President Bedie greeting U.S. Ambassador Lannon Walker] His Excellency Lannon Walker, the U.S. ambassador to Cote d'Ivoire, is the first diplomat to be received by President Henri Konan Bedie following his reelection last Sunday. Topics discussed were on bilateral relations, the Ivorian political situation, and the development of democracy in the country. [passage omitted]

Five Killed in Ethnic Violence in Bete Land

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[FBIS Translated Text] Abidjan, 24 Oct (AFP) — At least five people have been killed over the past few days in the Baoule settlements in the central western part of the country, it was learned from official sources in Abidjan today.

According to Frederic Deret, Subprefect of Ouragahio, located 260 km northwest of Abidjan, "four people had their throats cut in a Baoule settlement at Marcelkro on 19 October." The subprefect stated that he was informed by the gendarmerie. The Marcelkro settlement is located a few kilometers away from Ouragahio.

"The reports reaching me are very alarming, but I cannot check them out," added Mr. Deret who stated that he had been "taken hostage" for a week now by the inhabitants there. A group of journalists returning to Abidjan from that area yesterday met an injured woman from the Baoule ethnic group. She stated that she spent three days in the bush fleeing the young Betes who manhandled her.

Military sources also announced today that the attack launched on 16 October on the Kramo-Yaokro, another Baoule settlement close to Guiberoua, 270 km northwest of Abidjan, left at least one person dead and 74 missing.

According to the sources, a team dispatched to the area by the ministry found "only one dead body, that of an old woman," in that village mostly inhabited by Baoule farmers. Out of the 78 inhabitants of the hamlet, only three could be found, an official of the ministry stressed. "We wonder where the others are. We do not know whether they took refuge in the bush or whether they were exterminated," he added.

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According to reports published last week by the official IVORIAN NEWS AGENCY, at least 18 people, most of them children, were massacred in the village located in the Bete land.

A strong rivalry has prevailed for many years now between these two ethnic groups, the Betes accusing the Baoules of "confiscating" the power since the country's independence. In 1970, the repression of a political protest movement in the Bete land by the Ivorian Army resulted officially in the death of 4,000 people.

Official: Troops Sent To Maintain Order in Gagnoa

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[FBIS Translated Text] In Cote d'Ivoire, there is continued reaction to Henri Konan Bedie's victory in the 22 October presidential elections. Uncontrolled individuals are attacking their compatriots who are now seeking refuge. That is the case, for instance, in Gagnoa, 500 km northwest of Abidjan. Of course, the Ivorian authorities have condemned and denounced these acts. Ivorian Interior Minister Emile Constant Bombet was interviewed on the situation by our special correspondent in Abidjan Francois-Luc Moukouangui:

[Begin recording] [Bombet] At this very time we are speaking to you, there are, indeed, some of our compatriots who have gathered in the regional capital of this locality to avoid these attacks. The government has therefore adopted measures to put an end to such acts.

[Moukouangui] Without entering to any defense secrets, what concrete decisions have been made?

[Bombet] The decision we made is not different from what is done in countries around the world. Whenever disorder is observed in any part of the country, the armed forces must be sent to put an end to it. Soldiers were therefore dispatched to the region. The government is again reaffirming its willingness to preserve social peace in this country and to ensure the security of Ivorians and all those living on this soil, as well as their properties. [end recording]

Liberia

ECOMOG Disarms ULIMO-J Troops on Monrovia Highway

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[From the "Focus on Africa" program]

[FBIS Transcribed Text] Since the establishment of the transitional government in Liberia at the beginning of September, the peace process seems to have slowed to a snail's pace. There have been more clashes between rival factions, fighting among fighters, and civilians have been subjected to harassment and intimidation by the gunmen, many of whom have gone on looting escapades. But now, the ECOMOG [Economic Community of West African States Cease-Fire Monitoring Group] has moved to take the guns off 60 fighters of the Roosevelt Johnson wing of ULIMO [United Liberation Movement for Democracy in Liberia] who had been giving local people a hard time. From Monrovia, Nyenati Allison telexed this report:

ECOMOG peacekeeping troops deployed on the main highway west of Monrovia said that ULIMO-J [Johnson] fighters were disarmed at the weekend and their weapons taken to the faction's Tubmanburg headquarters. Rebel fighters of the rival ULIMO-J and ULIMO-K [Koromah] factions had been occupying villages near the highway since the deployment of peacekeeping troops in Liberia's western Cape Mount County eight months ago. ECOMOG peacekeepers said that the disarming of the fighters followed continued harassment of the civilian population and attacks on medical facilities run by international aid agencies over the past two months.

International aid agencies scaled down their operations around the western Liberian rubber plantations of (Gotry) in August, in protest against an attack on a field hospital. A peacekeeping soldier was killed in an ambush the same month. ECOMOG said that the attacks had continued despite the beefing up of their regular peacekeeping patrols. One fighter of Alhaji Koromah's ULIMO-K faction was seen locked behind bars by peacekeeping soldiers on the Liberian border with Sierra Leone for harassing refugees fleeing the war in Sierra Leone. One Nigerian officer told reporters on the highway yesterday that fighters of ULIMO-J were up to last week looting farms made by the displaced and the refugee population in western Liberia. With the guns taken away by their leaders, the villagers' and refugees' efforts to feed themselves will no longer be hindered, he added.

During my trip along the 60-mile long highway yesterday, I noted a sharp reduction in the number of checkpoints from nearly one dozen to five and saw villagers harvesting backyard gardens.

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Niger

ORA Rebels To Continue Peace Treaty Implementation

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[FBIS Translated Text] Niamey, 25 Oct (AFP) — A delegation of the Armed Resistance Organization [ORA], the central body of the former Tuareg rebellion, has arrived in Niamey to participate, beginning tomorrow, in the implementation of the peace treaty signed on 24 April with the government, it was learned from an authoritative source today. This ORA's decision occurs more than one month after it suspended its participation in the implementation of the accord to protest "slowness" of the operations.

The delegation, however, does not comprise the representatives of the Coordination of the Armed Resistance, an offshoot of the ORA headed by Mano Dayak. Two other Toubou and Arab fronts created in the eastern part of the country, but which did not sign the treaty, have joined the ORA.

Since July, the coordination has withdrawn from the treaty and has claimed responsibility for "the attack" on a patrol of the national Army on 12 October. The division among the Tuareg movements was caused by a leadership problem among their main heads. The crisis broke out overtly late September following a last attempt to set up a single directorate charged with continuing the implementation of the treaty.

The peace treaty is to end a conflict which began in 1991 and officially resulted in the death 150 people. It determines the conditions for a partly autonomous administration by the Tuareg community in the northern regions of the country, where they are in majority. Among other arrangements, the treaty provides for the demobilization of the Tuareg fighters and their integration into the Army, the police or the civil service. The demobilization and integration operations are among the clauses of the treaty over which the discussions are currently stumbling.

Nigeria

Government Stresses Importance of Transition Program

AB2310195595 Kaduna Radio Nigeria in English 1700 GMT 23 Oct 95

[FBIS Transcribed Text] The Federal Government has reemphasized the importance of Nigeria's transition program. The minister of information and culture, Dr. Walter Ofonagoro, told a news conference yesterday in New York that the various stages of the transition program were designed to correct inadequacies of the past democratic system in the country.

Dr. Ofonagoro said the transition program was also aimed at entrenching a viable democratic structure that would stand the test of time. He stated that the Constitutional Conference had addressed the political problems in Nigeria, and its recommendations were being reflected in the transition timetable.

The minister reiterated the resolve of the Federal Government to establish a Nigerian democracy based on the country's political realities. Dr. Ofonagoro explained that the principle of rotational presidency was to allow every section of the country [to] contribute meaningfully to national development.

Diya Warns Saboteurs; Receives Traditional Rulers

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[Amir, oba, and olu all titles of traditional rulers]

[FBIS Transcribed Text] [Announcer] The Federal Government has warned that it would deal decisively with anyone who tries to sabotage the democratization process. The warning was given by the chief of general staff, Lieutenant General Oladipo Diya, in reaction to the purported floating of a political party with the military.

[Begin Diya recording] Some sycophants are out again to deceive. Some are even floating parties now, saying that they are operating for the military. We have to be careful with these sycophants and we can assure you, as government, that if these sycophants continue and all antidemocratic elements in this country, they must be careful because we do not want to be deceived. [sentence as heard] We don't want to (?make) lies. We don't want sycophants. All antidemocratic elements, if they continue to behave as they have been behaving in the past, we will deal with them ruthlessly, and this is a fact. We are committed to democracy in this country, and we have put in a program, and it is a three-year program. We will work religiously toward making this program a success. We do not want any diversion. [end recording] [passage omitted]

[Announcer] The amir of Gwendo, Alhaji Mustafa Ajokolo, has appealed to Nigerians to demonstrate a high level of patriotism so that the implementation of the transition program can be successful. [passage omitted] The amir made the appeal during a solidarity visit to the State House in Abuja. Correspondent Mohamed Labo reports:

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[Labo] Alhaji Aminu Mustafa Ajokolo, the newly appointed amir of Gwandu who led a high-powered delegation of traditional rulers and eminent citizens of Kebi state to the State House, was received by the chief of general staff, Lt. Gen. Oladipo Diya, on behalf of the head of state. [passage omitted]

Also today, the chief of general staff received a delegation of obas, chiefs, and eminent citizens of Ogun state, led by the olu of Illorin, Oba Adekunde Taylor. The oba expressed the solidarity of the people of Ogun state with the Federal Government and promised their commitment to the success of the recently announced transition program. The commuting of life sentences of the coup convicts and reduction of prison terms was also commended by the oba. He pleaded with the Federal Government to extend such goodwill to Chief Moshood Abiola by releasing him.

General Diya thanked both the Kebi and Ogun delegations for the visit and solicited their further support and cooperation with the federal government. He promised that the transition program would be followed to the letter.

[Begin Diya recording] Tension is now down. People are happy, and the head of state has (?marched) as a nationalist who is not out to deceive anybody, who is not out to perpetuate himself in power. We as a government will ensure that we do not do anything that would tamper with our credibility. We will implement every word, every letter of that transition program to the last meaning and ensure that the confidence the people of this country repose on us is not in any way tampered with. Our credibility is our honor. [end recording]

[Labo] On the coup convicts, Gen. Diya said the proceedings of the trial televised on national television proved those who claimed there was no coup wrong. He said the magnanimity exhibited by the government proved the government to be a listening government. [end recording]

Senegal

1 Soldier, 4 Rebels Killed in Clash in Casamance

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[FBIS Translated Text] Dakar, 25 Oct (AFP) — A Senegalese soldier and at least four separatist rebels have been killed in a clash in Casamance, southern Senegal, an informed source disclosed today. The clash occurred yesterday in the southwestern part of the region, near the border with Guinea-Bissau, a zone considered as the stronghold of the Movement of Democratic Forces of Casamance, which the Army is trying to recapture, the same source stated.

The Army's offensive is still going on today in that zone. Many rebels were taken prisoner during the clash, it was pointed out. The clash has occurred at a time when negotiations are under way to restore peace in Casamance, mainly with the setting up by the government of a commission which has begun its mission of good offices.

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